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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : D. Gimpel et al.)
App. No. : 09/199,747)
Filed : November 25, 1998)
For : COMPENSATED NUT FOR A)
STRINGED INSTRUMENT)
Examiner : Unknown)

ESTABLISHMENT OF RIGHT OF ASSIGNEE TO TAKE ACTION
AND
REVOCATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The undersigned is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee below (the "Assignee"). This Assignment represents the entire chain of title of this invention from the Inventor(s) to the Assignee. A true copy of the original Assignment of the above-captioned application from the inventor(s) to the Assignee is attached hereto.

I declare that all statements made herein are true, and that all statements made upon information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, or any patent issuing thereon.

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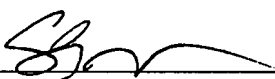
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revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith. This appointment is to be to the exclusion of the inventor(s) and his attorney(s) in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 3.71.

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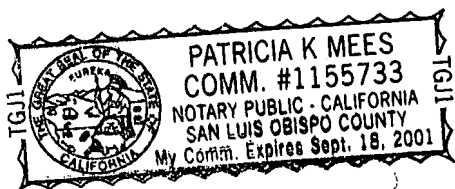
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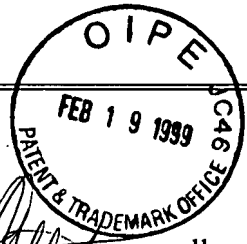
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On February 16, 1999 before me, Patricia K Mees personally appeared
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, Dudley D. Gimpel, a United States citizen, residing at 7460 Pinal Avenue, Atascadero, CA 93422, and Hans F. Lindauer, a United States citizen, residing at 549 Los Osos Valley Road, Los Osos, CA 93402, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a COMPENSATED NUT FOR A STRINGED INSTRUMENT for which we have an application for Letters Patent in the United States, Application No. 09/199,747, filed November 25, 1998;

AND WHEREAS, Ernie Ball, Inc. (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a California Corporation, with its principal place of business at 151 Suburban Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said inventors, do hereby acknowledge that we have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 16 day of February 1999

Dudley D. Gimpel
Dudley D. Gimpel

STATE OF California
COUNTY OF San Luis Obispo ss.

On 2/16/99, before me, Patricia K Mees, personally appeared Dudley D. Gimpel personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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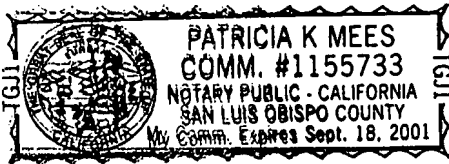

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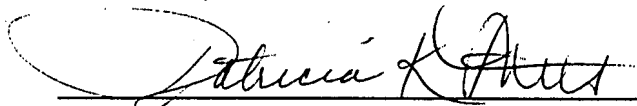
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